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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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Inventor(s): Gideon Bollag et al)	
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SC/Serial No.: Unknown)	
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Title: Methods and Compositions for Treating)	
Abnormal Cell Growth Related to)	
Unwanted Guanine Nucleotide)	
Exchange Factor Activity)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-identified Divisional Patent Application filed herewith, as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, line 16 add a new paragraph:

PRIORITY DATA

-- This Application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/079,812, filed May 15, 1998, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/049,879, filed June 17, 1997. --

In the Claims

Please delete claims in Group II (7-29 and 32-35), which have been allowed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09,079,812, and will issue as U.S. Patent 6,340,575.

Remarks

Elections

Applicants elect to prosecute in the instant divisional application claims in Group I, (1-6, 30-31, 36-37 and 56-67), as set forth in the Office action mailed August 9, 1999 in the Parent Case.

Applicants will file additional divisional applications at a future time directed to claims in Groups III-IV.

The undersigned attorney hereby request that the Examiner transfer the Sequence Listing in the prior application (paper copy enclosed), filed and accepted on July 12, 2001 to the instant divisional application.

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any fees associated with this communication.

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